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Cougars might meet familiar foe

BYU's football team awaits NCAA approval on a preseason game with Tulane. The Cougars lost to the Green Wave in the 1998 Liberty Bowl.

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DEVOTIONAL

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Donald said that just as ical cataracts can be prevent- spiritual vision can remain by taking "spiritual antioxi- s."

Donald said three vital "spiri- antioxidants" are prayer, scripture study and service.

—*Kristina Whitley*

UTAH

OC president toed music cause of lyrics

LT LAKE CITY — Grunge c gives Mitt Romney the

nney, president of the Salt Organizing Committee, has d the loud, sometimes pro- music preferred by snow- ders for Olympic competition xt February's Winter Games. nney insists it's not the music he lyrics that most offend A milder form of hip hop hard rock now is on tap for Opic snowboarding, but Rom- s less than pleased even with

early snowboarding has a ent genre of music than, say, e skating," said Romney, 54, ld-fashioned Rolling Stones truggling to understand the e of young snowboarders. 'll be careful on lyrics. We want lyrics that are offen- or out of step with the Opics," he said.

shock rocker Marilyn Man- definitely out.

—*Associated Press*

WORLD

rican President eets with Bush plan AIDS talks

SHINGTON — President met Tuesday with South an President Thabo Mbeki to about the AIDS scourge that aging Africa — and defend elves against accusations of uster response. "The presi- s concerned, as am I," Bush

two leaders defended their ons on AIDS even as they ed an agenda for talks that d direct reference to the dis- After their meeting, the two ers shared lunch, and Mbeki thout speaking to reporters.

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—*Associated Press*

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file photo

Skull Valley Goshute Reservation is the site of a nuclear waste controversy. The Goshutes have petitioned the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to store nuclear waste on their reservation. The Nuclear Regulatory Commission will not be making a decision on the petition until next year.

Hazardous waste disposed

Some Utahns are OK with storage in Utah

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On summer evenings, Vernon, Utah, looks like a modern Norman Rockwell painting: kids and dogs playing in giant, fenceless backyards, the sweet smell of corn growing. Satellite dishes adorn on almost every house because there is no cable TV available.

The four or five streets that comprise Vernon are only randomly paved. But no one seems to mind. In fact, that's one of the reasons Vernonites choose to live there.

"It's nice and quiet," Vernon resident Mark Smith said, "Nice and rural."

Main Street boasts a post office/ fire station, a little, red, one-room schoolhouse, a chapel for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Smith said that the 200 people who make up this town in Western Tooele County like living here because everybody knows each other.

"I don't have to worry about where my kids are. Everybody watches out for everybody else," he said.

Vernon is a two-hour car ride from Salt Lake, 40 minutes from Tooele. But it's walking distance from the Tooele Army Depot chemical incinerator. When the wind turns, the corn smell is obtrusively overwhelmed by the smell of burning chemicals.

The chemical incinerator is the first of its kind in the country and was built to dispose of 13,616 tons of nerve gas and blister agent.

Like most Vernonites, though, Smith said he is unconcerned.

"I'm not worried about getting cancer. I'm not worried about a spill," he said.

Smith's attitude is shared by many Tooele residents. A Deseret News poll conducted Feb. 14 found that most Tooele County residents support hazardous waste disposal in Utah.

While several waste management companies have petitioned to store more, and hotter wastes in the last several years, and with eight other hazardous waste facilities already running in the county, most Tooele residents wouldn't bat an eyelash at the idea of just a little more hazardous waste.

"Nobody really wants this stuff in their backyard, but we really wouldn't notice if it's there," Smith said.

While Tooele residents seem characteristically unperturbed, Salt Lake suburbanites and environmentalists fret over the possibility of higher-level hazardous wastes in the beehive state.

At the same time, Utah's government officials, who have historically welcomed the new jobs and tax revenues that hazardous waste facilities generate, are outspoken in their opposition to a proposed nuclear waste facility on the Skull Valley Goshute Reservation in the West Desert.

Utahns have never agreed about what to do with the nation's hazardous waste. But recently, varied attitudes can be characterized as nothing short of schizophrenic.

Private Fuel Storage

In 1997, the Skull Valley Tribe of Goshutes signed an agreement with a consortium of waste facilities called Private Fuel Storage.

During the last four years, they have worked through the petition process with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission to store high-level nuclear waste on their reservation west of Tooele.

The NRC is expected to decide whether the facility can be built in April 2002.

Utah's relationship with the nation's hazardous waste has always been riddled with controversy. Since before the above-ground testing in the Nevada desert in the 1950s caused high cancer rates in Southern Utah "Downwinders," Utahns have wrestled with hazardous waste issues.

Indeed, according to Utah Department of Environmental Quality Hazardous Waste Director Alan Moore, Utah stores more than four times as much hazardous waste as it produces each year.

Utah Chapter Sierra Club volunteer Cindy King said one of the most important issues facing Utahns is hazardous and nuclear waste storage.

Some Utahns said they agree. According to a Feb. 11 Deseret News-KSL TV poll, 79 percent of Utahns said they were very concerned or somewhat concerned about Utah's role in the nation's hazardous waste problem.

Even Utah government officials have come out in force against the Goshute/ PFS proposal. Shortly after the Goshute filed its proposal, Gov. Mike Leavitt commented on KBYU that "building the biggest nuclear waste graveyard in the country isn't a good quality of life decision for anyone in Utah."

King said she believes Utah has been targeted by Eastern-based hazardous waste storage companies.

"Is it environmentally just to store (hazardous waste) in socially/ economically deprived areas versus the rich areas?" she said. "Absolutely not."

According to Sue Martin, public affairs consultant for PFS, nuclear fuel is safely stored all over the country, and Utah is simply a convenient place to centralize storage.

"It really doesn't matter whether (a storage facility) is on the outskirts of Washington DC or the outskirts of Minneapolis, or out here in Skull Valley," Martin said.

Coordinator for State Opposition to High Level Nuclear Waste Connie Nakahara said she believes Utah is unfairly targeted because of its vast open spaces and its large amount of federal lands.

"Utah is also targeted because of the relatively small delegation Utah has," Nakahara said.

With only five members in the Utah's congressional delegation, and not much sway with the NRC, Utahns sometimes have little say in national decisions about hazardous waste policy.

In April, the NRC usurped state legislative power by granting International Uranium Corp. permission to treat 17,750 tons of radioactive sludge in White Mesa, just outside Moab.

Several environmental groups, including the Sierra Club, are in process of petitioning the NRC to allow public comment on the White Mesa waste.

King said she believes public participation is key in preventing more hazardous waste from entering the state.

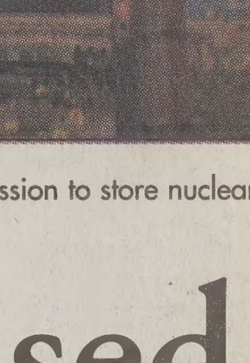
"If we don't have public participation, our government has a blank check with no accountability and no acceptability," she said.

Skull Valley Nuclear Waste Storage

who — Private Fuel Storage and the Goshute Indian tribe have partnered to build a facility.

what — The proposed nuclear waste storage facility will have up to 4,000 above-ground casks, each storing 10 metric tons of spent fuel.

where — Skull Valley, west of Tooele.



when — If PFS is awarded a license, the facility is estimated to open 2003.

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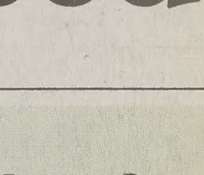

- Waste will be shipped by train to the storage site.
- The storage canisters will be placed in steel and concrete storage casks.
- The storage casks will be placed on 3-foot thick reinforced concrete pads.
- The facility is designed to be a "start clean stay clean" facility. This means the containers will never be opened after leaving the power plants.

graphic by Julia Smith

State seeks money increase to catch rapists

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Although crime is decreasing in Utah, rape was the only violent crime that increased last year and that has lawmakers concerned.

"And it's the most violent of violent crimes," Attorney General Mark Shurtleff told lawmakers last week before endorsing a proposed appropriations bill that would fund evidence-collection improvements in sexual-assault cases.

Acquaintance rape has reached "epidemic proportions," said Shurtleff.

Law enforcement and victims' advocates testified that some extremely dangerous perpetrators are being set free because evidence was taken too late or improperly or wasn't strong enough to hold up in court.

With rapes up 5 percent, members of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee decided to seek at least $100,000 from legislators when they meet in the next general session in January.

The Rape Recovery Center in Salt Lake City, a crisis intervention counseling service, reports that in 1999 it dealt with 2,250 new clients, plus 840 people who were returning for services.

In 2000, the center saw 2,486 clients with 1,407 returning.

Between 60 and 70 percent of those are victims of sexual assault. The remaining are family members affected by the crime. Of those clients who were assault victims, 80 percent did not report the assault to police; 87 percent of the people who came to the center said they knew the perpetrator, according to the center.

If allotted, the money wouldn't become available for a year.

"There's no such thing as too little help," said Jamee Roberts, executive director of the center. "We are losing cases because protocol of evidence collection is incomplete and inconsistent."

The money would help start a Sexual Assault Response Team that would include on-call rape recovery center staff, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel.

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News Briefs

Compiled from staff and news service reports

Editor arrested for alleging cover-up

KEY WEST, Fla. — A newspaper editor and publisher was arrested for publishing an article alleging a cover-up in an internal police investigation he had filed an official complaint about, police records show.

Dennis Cooper, 66, editor of the weekly Key West The Newspaper, was arrested Friday and released two hours later on his own recognizance.

The affidavit for his arrest cites a Florida statute that makes it a misdemeanor for anyone involved in an internal police investigation to disclose information before it has been entered into public record.

Cooper has alleged a police lieutenant lied in court about a 1996 stop of a bicyclist, and that the Key West Police Department covered it up.

He filed a complaint last month with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement accusing an internal affairs investigator of falsifying information about his review of the incident.

Autism more widespread, study now says

CHICAGO — Autism and related disorders in children occur more often than previously reported, according to research from England that echoes other recent studies.

But researchers said they do not know if their results reflect a true rise in the incidence of autism or changes in diagnosis criteria and better recognition of the disorder by parents and doctors.

Rates of autism typically have been reported at 4 to 6 per 10,000 children, though these figures have increased in studies conducted over the past 15 years.

This new study of children in Staffordshire, England – published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association – found a rate of 16.8 per 10,000.

Other recent surveys showing a similar trend have stirred concern that the incidence of autism is on the rise.

Imported fireworks spark investigation

WASHINGTON — Rep. George Miller asked the Department of Labor and the Customs Service Tuesday to investigate whether fireworks imported from China are made using forced child labor.

Americans could be "unwittingly contributing to the forced exploitation of Chinese children" when they celebrate the July Fourth holiday next week, said Miller, D-Calif.

The United States last year imported $130 million worth of fireworks, more than 90 percent of them from China, Miller said.

U.S. law prohibits importing goods made with forced or indentured child labor. An executive order issued by former President Clinton also makes it illegal for the government to purchase products made by children involuntarily.

Miller said a March 6 explosion that destroyed a schoolhouse in a fireworks-producing area of China, killing 37 children, is evidence that forced child labor is involved. He cited 1996 statistics from the official Chinese News Agency saying that about 93 percent of schools in China have set up cottage industries to raise funds for schools.

Audi's toy Elvis doll causes sensation

BERLIN — An Elvis-like doll with a gyrating pelvis has become a cult sensation in Germany.

Audi hoped to extol the virtues of its new automatic transmission in a television ad in which an Audi driver picks up an Elvis impersonator. The impersonator puts the doll on the dashboard, and the car shifts so smoothly the figure doesn't even dance.

But instead of receiving the anticipated inquiries about the transmission, Audi was flooded with questions about the toy.

"Naturally we didn't expect it," said Audi spokesman Joachim Cordshagen. "It was a big surprise."

Demand has grown so large since the ads first were broadcast a few months ago that Audi has begun selling the ornaments for about $7 each. The company had received 150,000 orders as of this week, and expects the number to top 200,000.

Audi has set up a telephone hot line to take orders, and is limiting customers to 10 dolls each.

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sources: BYU Geography Dept., CNN

Scripture of the Day

"But behold, all things have been done in the wisdom of him who knoweth all things."

— 2 Nephi 2:24

Heidi Ann Beck, 21, a senior from Blue Springs, Mo., majoring in home economics, likes this scripture because "it's reassuring in that the Lord knows all and we just need to trust in him! Need I say more?"

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Colonel convicted of selling secrets

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — A retired Army colonel was convicted Tuesday of selling military secrets to the Soviet Union for 25 years, becoming one of the Cold War's most prolific spies.

George Trofimoff, 74, who faces life in prison for the single federal espionage conviction, stood erect and showed no emotion as the verdict was announced. His wife wept.

Trofimoff is the highest-ranking U.S. military officer to be arrested on spy charges. He was working as a grocery store bagger last year when he was arrested trying to collect money he thought was coming from the Russians.

"What this case should do is send a message to those we entrust our nation's secrets to that if you sell those secrets, if you spy against the United States, we'll pull out all the stops to catch you, to bring you to justice and to convict you," federal prosecutor Laura Ingersoll said.

Trofimoff insisted that he never was a spy, but pretended to be one because he needed money. However, a former KGB general took the stand to testify that Trofimoff was one of the Soviet Union's top spies during the 1970s.

Some jurors laughed at Trofimoff on Monday when he testified that it was simply a coincidence that he was able to name several Soviet spies when shown them by an undercover FBI agent posing as a Russian diplomat.

Jury foreman Mark King said only one vote was needed – jurors agreed Trofimoff was guilty after viewing a videotape of him describing his spying activities. Deliberations lasted just two hours.

Defense attorney Daniel Hernandez said he still believes his client is innocent and plans to appeal.

Trofimoff was chief of the Army interrogation center in Nuremberg, Germany, from 1968 until 1994, when he was arrested by German authorities for spying. Charges were dropped when authorities could not prove spying occurred before the five-year statute of limitations expired.

The center housed volumes of secret briefing documents that detailed what the United States knew and didn't know about its Soviet adversaries and other Warsaw Pact nations. The center is where refugees and defectors from the Eastern bloc were inte[r]rogated.

Prosecutors said Trofimoff co[l]lected $300,000 for photograph[i]ing volumes of secret U.S. intelli[g]gence documents and giving them to the KGB through a g[o] between, boyhood friend Ig[or] Vladimirovich Susemihl, Russian Orthodox priest.

Among the information pros[e]cutors said Trofimoff passed [to] the Soviets were details of wh[at] the United States knew about the[ir] military preparedness, whic[h] exposed potential America[n] sources.

As authorities closed i[n] Trofimoff was captured on vide[o] tape in 1999 putting his hand [on] his heart and telling an underco[ver] er agent posing as a Russi[an] agent: "I'm not American [at] here."

U.S. pressure key in Milosevic ousting

Associated Press

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Yugoslavia's president singled out U.S. pressure Tuesday as a main reason for his country's change of heart on extraditing Slobodan Milosevic to the U.N. war crimes tribunal.

While President Vojislav Kostunica, a staunch critic of the court, sought to distance himself from the impending extradition, Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic of Serbia, the main Yugoslav republic, said the handover was a virtual certainty.

Milosevic's lawyers are appealing a government decree making the extradition of Yugoslav citizens possible. But Djindjic said not even a ruling by the highest court, the Constitutional Court, would overrule the tribunal's claim on Milosevic.

Tribunal statutes will be "directly applied, (even) if the Constitutional Court rules that the decree is unconstitutional," he told reporters.

Milosevic lawyer Veselin Cerovic depicted the former president as "proud but resigned," saying his imprisoned client refused to speak to Investigative Judge Goran Cavlina when Cavlina asked Milosevic for a statement on the extradition procedure. Instead, Milosevic demanded to see his lawyers, Cerovic said.

"Milosevic feels that he is NATO's prisoner," said Cerovic. "He believes that this is a gravest violation of his civil rights."

Some 7,000 Milosevic supporters gathered Tuesday evening in Belgrade's main square, demanding his release from prison and protesting extradition.

"We will give our lives for Slobo," some chanted. Riot police cordoned off Belgrade's Central Prison, where Milosevic is being held, concerned the crowd would march on the prison.

"Milosevic is not a war criminal, nor is any indicted Serb," said Ivica Dacic, a senior official of Milosevic's Socialist party.

Washington has linked U.S. financial aid for Yugoslavia to Milosevic's extradition for trial for alleged Kosovo atrocities. Keeping up the pressure for his handover, the United States has not said whether it will attend an international conference Friday in Brussels, Belgium, meant to raise the money Yugoslavia needs to rebuild after 13 years of misrule under Milosevic, Kostunica's predecessor.

Kostunica said Milosevic cannot be extradited by Friday.

"The decree cannot be implemented in 48 hours, because that would mean that the defendant is deprived from his right to appeal and from some other rights," Kostunica said.

Kostunica, who considers the tribunal in The Hague anti–Serb, sought to distance himself fro[m] Milosevic's approaching ha[n]dover, repeating previous arg[u]ments that local courts shou[ld] have priority.

But he acknowledged th[at] moves to extradite Milosev[ic] were the result of U.S. pressure and pressure from within the go[v]ernment from those wanti[ng] extradition.

"My attempt to have our ci[t]izens put on trial in our count[ry] was prevented by two thing[s]: pressure from Washington ... a[nd] me and my party being a mino[ri]ty" within Yugoslavia's governi[ng] coalition.

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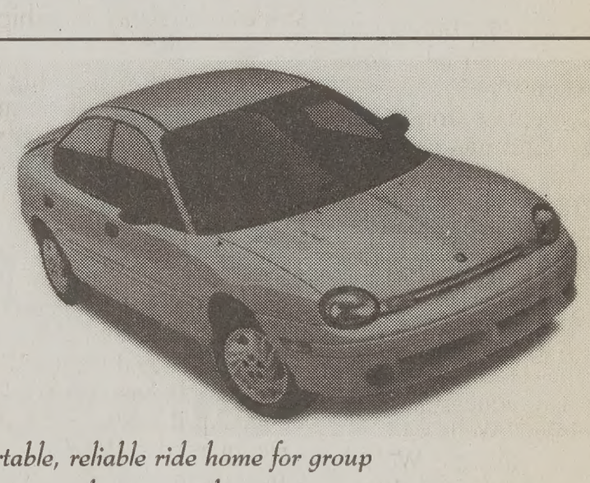

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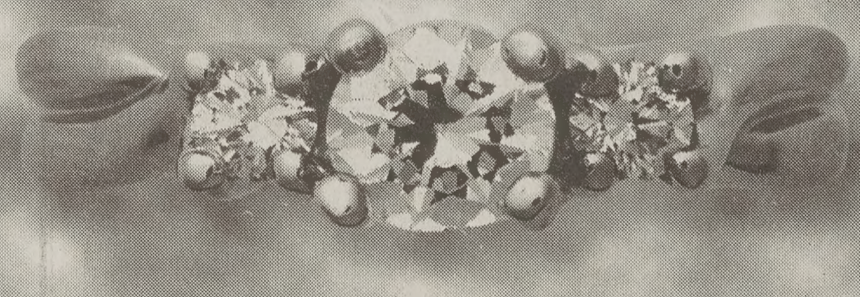

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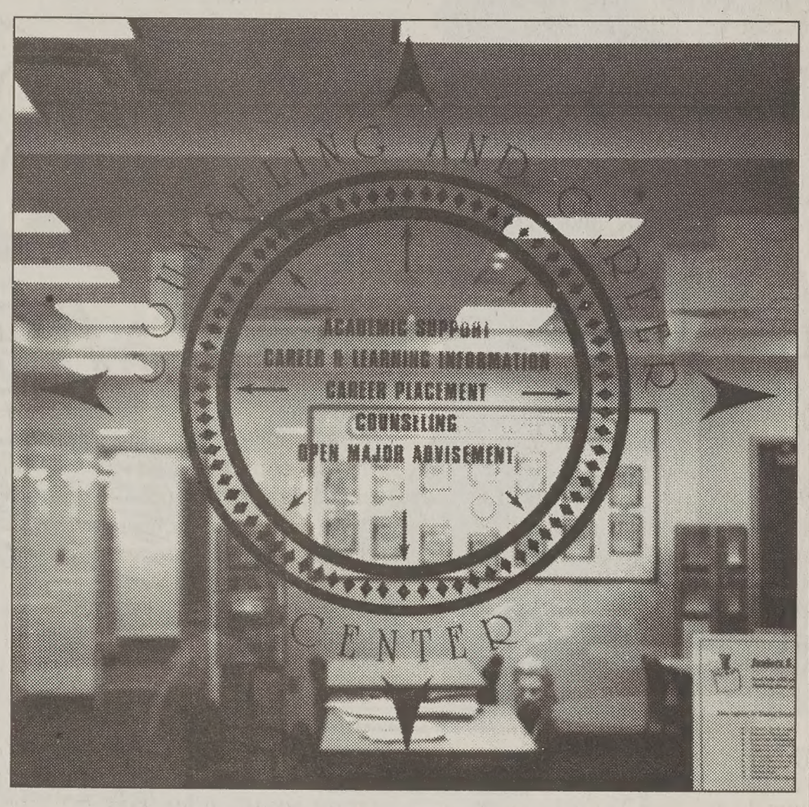

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The Counseling and Career Center on the second floor of the Wilkinson Student Center is just one source of information for students seeking interships that benefit job hunting.

taught him that teaching in the public schools has a lot more to do with managing ability than knowledge of the subject matter.

"It's not so much making music, rather the growth of the individual that excites me and propels me forward in an exciting career in education," he said.

Chris Thomas from Troy, Mich., graduated from BYU with a master's in business administration in April 1999.

He interned at Price Waterhouse Cooper in the Detroit area. Thomas said he was pleased with his internship opportunity.

"I gained valuable work experience at Price Waterhouse Cooper, and they gave me a good offer to stay there," he said.

Steven Curtis graduated from BYU in April of this year in chemical engineering.

He did not have the internship experience, and found it difficult to get a job upon graduation.

Curtis said he applied to many companies, and got one job offer.

Marissa Adsero, 22, a recent BYU graduate, found that knowing people in the right places can be helpful.

"I am very grateful for my internship," she said. "It helped me find my current job, and helped me to know exactly what I want in my career."

New art exhibit at U of U reminds Y of Rodin woes

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An art exhibit at the University of Utah is drawing large crowds and bringing back bad memories for BYU.

The Museum of Fine Art on the University of Utah campus is housing an exhibit of 66 bronzes by the famous French sculptor Auguste Rodin.

In 1997, the BYU Museum of Art held a similar Rodin exhibit in which the administration opted not to display four sculptures. This decision led to local and national media attention.

With the recent opening of the Rodin exhibit at the University of Utah, the media spotlight is again turned to BYU.

"The media is making a big deal of it and making fun of us and the church again as a consequence of the show being at the University of Utah," said Campbell Gray, director of the BYU Museum of Art.

"I'm really happy that it's at the University of Utah and I think the community needs to see it. I think it is a great show. But it's not the same as the show we had here," Gray said.

He said the administrations decision in 1997 to leave out the four works, which included one of Rodin's most famous works "The Kiss," was in part a desire to uphold community standards.

"Artwork receive their meanings from the context in which they are placed," he said. "They are not self-contained little objects that are packages that don't alter in their meanings regardless of where they are. Art works receive their meaning from the places in which they are placed. And BYU is a particularly powerful place to show works of art."

Photo courtesy of the University of Utah

A reduced bronze copy of Auguste Rodin's sculpture of "The Thinker." The sculpture is one of 66 at an exhibit at the U of U.

Some students were offended by the museum's refusal to display the sculptures of the Rodin exhibit in 1997. They felt that the educational value of the exhibit outweighed the moral questions surrounding it.

"People who love art are not going to be offended by those sculptures and serious students who are supposed to be adults should not have either," BYU graduate Charles Sones said.

The administration concern extended beyond BYU students.

"The issues that are uppermost in our minds in terms of this exhibition are that the Museum of Art is not only for the university. It is for the community," Gray said.

Gray said he hopes the public can look past any controversy and focus on the talent contained in the Rodin exhibition.

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Dr. Kristine Hansen

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Dr. Kristine Hansen earned her BA degree in English and an MA in teaching English as a second language from BYU. She earned her PhD in English from the University of Texas at Austin and joined the BYU faculty in 1987.

Professor Hansen teaches courses in advanced writing, rhetoric, pedagogy, and research methods. She wrote A Rhetoric for the Social Sciences, a textbook currently used in English 315. She served as coordinator of the English composition program from 1990 to 1993, and she currently serves as associate dean of Honors and General Education. She chairs the University Writing Committee and edits a monthly newsletter, Writing Matters.

Dr. Hansen has been honored as an Alcuin Fellow and with the Karl G. Maeser Professor of General Education award. She is also president of the BYU Faculty Women's Association.

The Delta, Utah, native served a mission to Germany in the early 1970s, and she has since held many different Church callings. Sister Hansen currently serves as a Cub Scout den leader in the Orem Park Third Ward. In her spare time she enjoys hiking, biking, bird watching, and reading.

Readers make this page

As early Americans debated whether to accept the Constitution or not, one of e biggest oppositions was its lack of basic right guarantees, including freedom the press. Many early American thinkers worried that a government could not kept honest very long without a free press to reveal its problems.

The people ratified the Constitution and the First Amendment soon followed, t many concerns remain about whether the U.S. press continues to play the le that First Amendment proponents envisioned.

Does the press really act as a safeguard against government corruption and an en forum for opposition or has it become a tool of the big business that owns ?

As newspapers have evolved into the institution we know today, the opinion ge has developed into a forum that meets these requirements very well. It fers an open forum for opinion.

Opposing views of regular citizens have a place in newspapers right next to lumns by well-known writers. The opinion page is a place for the sharing of l ideas.

However, there are two huge obstacles that threaten the opinion page in this untry.

First, many treat the readers' forum as a place more suited for flippant watered-wn commentary than well-thought-out arguments.

For the opinion page to be a meaningful home of interesting commentary, it kes readers who write meaningful interesting commentary.

All too often, letters to the editor either deal with meaningless trivia or are ngwinded rants without real logical arguments. This trend has significant sults. The readers' forum becomes known for being insignificant and trite. hen, even meaningful commentary loses legitimacy to the public.

Second, apathy leaves many opinions unwritten. Either people don't think bout the issues or they don't take the time to submit their thoughts. Either way, leas that are important to an open forum never are initiated, leaving even more om for the type of letters mentioned above.

An idea never expressed does nothing to forward that opinion. However, an pinion laid out for others to read and understand leads to new ideas and new hinking and change.

The readers' forum of The Universe can be an important vehicle for under-tanding and change. As students read others opinions and ideas, they are better ble to formulate their own. Issues that students are dealing with are better nderstood by the administration and vice versa.

The bottom line is that, in a small way, the opinion pages of this country are ital for communities, but only as long as those communities actively participate n them. They can be meaningful and powerful or they can be trite and simplis-ic. In the end, it all depends on the readers.

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VIEWPOINT

Lamenting latent loyalty

Scott Creer

Sports Editor

Fair-weather fans are a lot like bad Utah drivers. I can't stand either of them.

But before I go off about bad Utah driving, an extremely redundant phrase if I've ever heard one, let's spare the fast-lane ignorant and delve into the whole issue of fair-weather fans.

With the Los Angeles Lakers steamrolling the competition for their second consecutive NBA Championship, Lakers' fans are popping up out of nowhere.

Sure, the Lakers' "faithful" cheered Magic Johnson and the rest of his Showtime crew in the 80s. And of course they cheer now.

I'm wondering where all the Lakers' fans were hiding when Vlade Divac was the Lakers' most famous player, not Shaq or Kobe.

They were probably hiding behind all those Atlanta Braves' fans who promise they were fans back when Dale Murphy laced up his cleats.

True fans should be like the mailman. Rain, sleet and snow shouldn't deter a fan from staying true to a team of choice.

I'm not saying it's easy being loyal. Trust me, I'm from Detroit.

I'm forced to relive the glory days of Joe Dumars, Bill Laimbeer and the rest of the Bad Boys sweeping the Lakers in 1989 and then repeating the next year in five games over the Blazers.

Since 1991 though, the Pistons haven't won a playoff series.

And the Pistons aren't even close to being Detroit's most pathetic sports team.

That title clearly belongs to the Detroit Tigers. Yes, the same Tigers that lost more games than any other MLB team in the 1990s. Yes, the same team that hasn't done anything worth cheering about since 1987 when it lost to the Minnesota Twins in the ALCS.

Gone are Tiger legends Kirk Gibson, Lou Whitaker and Alan Trammel. The Tigers don't even play at historic Tiger Stadium at the corner of Michigan and Trumbull anymore.

The Tigers' owners and general managers have done more to abandon their fan base in the last decade than any team east of the Mississippi. They've traded away John Smoltz, Luis Gonzalez and Travis Fryman. They've lost David Wells and Juan Gonzalez to free agency.

But I've been a Tigers' fan since I can remember and I'll be a Tigers' fan until the day I die. In fact, as the Tigers' success has spiraled downward, my loyalty has only gotten stronger.

I'll continue to cheer for the Tigers when they win four games in a row, and then keep on cheering when they lose the next five.

Growing up in Detroit, there were plenty of times when my faithfulness got tested.

I don't even want to talk about Barry Sanders retiring early or Chris Webber calling a time out when Michigan didn't have one in the 1993 NCAA Championship game.

You might say at least I can smile about my beloved Red Wings. You're right, they won the Stanley Cup in 1997 and 1998.

But it's tough to celebrate when I'm in Thailand on my mission.

Obviously, when my teams win it all, I'm a happier man than when they lose.

But it doesn't matter where I'm at or how well my team is playing; my loyalty is the same.

It could be worse. I could be a fan of the Red Sox or Cubs.

But at least their fans are loyal.

Save Alaska

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform readers that House Republicans are planning to draft a bill as early as this summer to drill for oil in the Arctic National Refuge.

I want to encourage everyone who reads this to please write to their representatives and congressmen to stop this short-sighted attempt at solving our country's energy problems.

According to Defenders of Wildlife (DOW), the refuge comprises the remaining five percent of Alaska's North Slope not already open to drilling, and is home to polar bears, musk oxen, wolves, millions of migratory birds, caribou and hundreds of other species.

"The industrial disturbance would be immense and spills inevitable," says DOW on their Web site.

There are more economic ways of averting the energy "crisis" in this country than ruining the Arctic National Refuge.

So much press coverage has been directed at how expensive gasoline has become, but very little has gone to sources of renewable energy (or living) that don't harm the environment.

I'm sure this plays into the fact that organizations and individuals working on renewable energy sources aren't getting the funding they need because the special interest groups dedicated to big business and politics are just too powerful.

I know there are many Americans who do everything they can to help the environment, but I also believe that the majority of working class people are just too busy in their daily lives to pay any attention to issues like this, until it's too late.

I realize everyone's busy, but I want to encourage them to make their voices heard!

Amy E. Farrar
Mound, Minn.

Apollo first?

Dear Editor,

This is a correction for the front page story in Tuesday's Daily Universe. Jeremiah Christenot was not "the first white person to get a standing ovation" from the Apollo crowd.

On Aug. 16, 1957, Buddy Holly and the Crickets performed at the Apollo Theater. The audience not only gave them a standing ovation, but also danced in the aisles for most of the performance.

The details are a bit fuzzy as to whether or not any other white group had a successful performance at the Apollo prior to the Crickets, but the claim has been made that Buddy Holly was the first white boy to get the Apollo crowd on their feet.

Ethan Sproat
Orem, Utah

FDR justified

Dear Editor,

Revisionism possesses value in history when used to delineate truth from fabrication. Unfortunately, revisionist history often sets aside diligent research and rational analysis in favor of ad hominem attacks and conjecture for the purpose of financial gain, sensationalism, or the promotion of a political agenda.

A recent letter about FDR exemplifies the latter condition, demonstrating the shallowness of current revisionist history.

One of the most fallacious claims in the letter was that President Franklin D. Roosevelt failed to warn Admiral Husband E. Kimmel about an "impending Japanese attack" against Pearl Harbor.

In fact, on 27 November 1941, Admiral Harold R. Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, sent a cable warning to both Kimmel and Admiral Thomas C. Hart, Commanders-in-Chief of the Pacific and Asiatic Fleets, in which the first two sentences state, "This dispatch is to be considered a war warning. Negotiations with Japan looking toward stabilization of conditions in the Pacific have ceased and an aggressive move by Japan is expected within the next few days."

On 5 February 1941, Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox dispatched to Admiral Kimmel a copy of a memorandum sent to Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson, which stated "If war eventuates with Japan, it is believed easily possible that hostilities would be initiated by a surprise attack upon the Fleet or the Naval Base at Pearl Harbor."

Knox further intimated the two most likely modes of attack were an "air Bombing attack" and "air torpedo plane attack."

Several respectable scholars have agreed Roosevelt felt America would at some point become embroiled in WWII. However, they have accredited this to wisdom in his realization that the U.S. could not remain an isolationist country.

The letter's revisionist history completely discounts the complexity of the Pearl Harbor situation and gives no credit to the Japanese for orchestrating the attack.

We agree that Hollywood has a strong tendency to sacrifice truth for entertainment, but it ought to be criticized based upon balanced objective fact, not unfounded conspiracy theories.

Mark Mulcahey
Champaign, Ill.

David Waddell
Provo, Utah

Sandal tips

Dear Editor,

As someone raised in the glorious state of California, I feel I must take it upon myself to help out some of the less fortunate here at the BYU. I'd just like to take a few moments to give some tips to the many students I've observed over the past couple of weeks who just don't seem to get it..

Tip #1: Never, ever wear socks with sandals or thongs. If it's too cold to wear sandals without socks, don't wear sandals. Also, if your feet are too nasty to leave uncovered, then what are you doing wearing sandals in the first place?

Tip #2: Thongs and sandals are to be worn with shorts, baggy jeans, or exercise pants. They are never to be worn while dressed-up. The whole point of the "look" of thongs is that you're relaxed. If you're wearing a tie, then you obviously spent way too much time that morning on your appearance to be relaxed. Why baggy jeans? Well, you may not have been aware of it, but the last time we wrote the date with an "80" in it, was 11 years ago. Enough said.

Tip #3: Cut your toenails, clean the dirt out from underneath them, and wash your feet. We all know that you want us to be aware of how much fun you had in Moab last weekend, but trust me when I say that that's all ready obvious from the exaggerated limp you're using to show how "sore" you are from the hike, and all the scabs you accumulated from the many spills you took on your incredible mountain biking extravaganza.

Tip #4: This is not a complete requirement, but for you sisters, a little paint goes a long way on those nails. It's scary to look over at what you think is a guy's pair of feet, only to look up and realize that that "guy" is wearing a pair of Roxy shorts and a Girl Power T-shirt.

Tip #5: Enjoy the summer. It's the greatest season no matter where you're from, even if summer in Utah means excursions to the desert, or filling your days attending all those weddings that were planned throughout the fall and winter semesters. Whatever the activity, it's great to see so many having fun in the sun, with or without a beach.

Mike Patton
Vaccaville, Calif.

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American pride revisited

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to the June 13 letter opposing Timothy McVeigh's execution. I am very proud to be an American. We have many freedoms that are not enjoyed by great percentage of the world population.

Luckily, one of those freedoms is not the right to take another's life. Timothy McVeigh took multiple lives. For that crime he deserved the punishment that he received.

Doctrine and Covenants 42:19 reads, "And again, I say, thou shalt not kill; but he that killeth shall die." Many may try to rationalize this statement and say that it means murderers will die spiritually.

For anyone who thinks this, I would recommend reading Joseph Fielding Smith's comments found in Doctrines of Salvation 2:97 and the Old Testament.

In a country that seems to be getting farther away from God in many respects, I am glad that mass murderers are not aloud to live.

Chad Thurston
Mesa, Ariz.

Capital justice

Dear Editor,

Once again we find this forum reduced to a bumper sticker mentality of playing on emotions and fears and purporting half-truths and generalizations as conclusive evidence.

The latest of such letters was published recently in this forum, denouncing capital punishment as little more than an "act of retaliation" and "vengeance ... cloaked in the noble rhetoric of recompense," that ultimately only results in "a nation of people with blood on our hands" as a disapproving God watches on.

The letter attempts to diffuse any appeal to justice by pointing to man's supposed inability to even begin to understand it "amorphous" nature, as though a lack of understanding should require forbearance.

But if it really is so incomprehensible how do we know that forbearance is not really the more unjust of the two options? Amulek seemed to grasp the meaning of justice when, in the Book of Mormon, he pronounces the law of the land, in specific reference to capital punishment, as "just" (Alma 34:11).

In reference to the blood stains left on our hands that result from our accepting the death penalty, and the supposed disfavor we as a nation will ultimately find with God because of it, perhaps we need be reminded that the law of God is "Whoso sheddeth a man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed" (Genesis 9:6).

Furthermore, the First Presidency in 1890 issued the following statement: "That we regard the killing of human beings, except in conformity with the civil law, as a capital crime, which should be punished by shedding the blood of the criminal, after a public trial before a legally constituted court of the land" (The First Presidency in Millennial Star, January 1890, pp.33-34).

Perhaps justice isn't such an amorphous idea after all.

Aaron Clark
Ilion, N.Y.

Jared Myers
Chambersburg, Pa.

BYU awaits NCAA approval for BCA Classic

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...nding NCAA approval, BYU ... host Tulane Aug. 25 in the ...l Black Coaches Association ...sic. .

...e proposed game would bring ...xtra contest to Provo, giving ...Cougars six home games and ...otal.

...'U is hoping an exemption ... allow them to play in the ...e. NCAA regulations allow a ...a to participate in one preseа... game every four seasons.

...'U played in last season's ...kin Classic against Florida ..., with the Cougars taking the ...29-3.

...order to do this, we have ...mitted the necessary informa... to the NCAA requesting an ...mption to play in this game," ... BYU athletic director Val ... "There have been excep... to the rule in the past, and ...re hopeful the committee will ...ove our request when they ... next month.

...YU and the BCA felt we ...d not wait to make this ...nouncement because less than ... months remain to sell tickets ...make the necessary prepara... for the game."

...e only previous meeting ...een the two schools was the ... Liberty Bowl. The Green ...e won 41-27. The win com... Tulane's undefeated sea... placing them No. 10 in the ...n's final polls.

...ane, which is located in New ...ans, is coming off a 6-5 sea... in 2000.

...e Green Wave owned ...ference USA's top-ranked offense in 2000. Returning quarterback Patrick Ramsey and running back Mewelde Moore highlight Tulane's roster. Ramsey averaged 453 total yards a game last year, and Moore was the C-USA Freshman of the Year, rushing over 100 yards in five games.

While BYU attempts to play in its second preseason game in as many years, Tulane will be playing in its first preseason game.

If the NCAA allows BYU to host the game, the BCA Classic will be Gary Crowton's debut as the Cougar head coach.

Crowton also faced the Green Wave in 1998, but not with the Cougars.

While head coach of Louisiana Tech, Crowton met the same fate as the Cougars that year, losing to Tulane, 63-30.

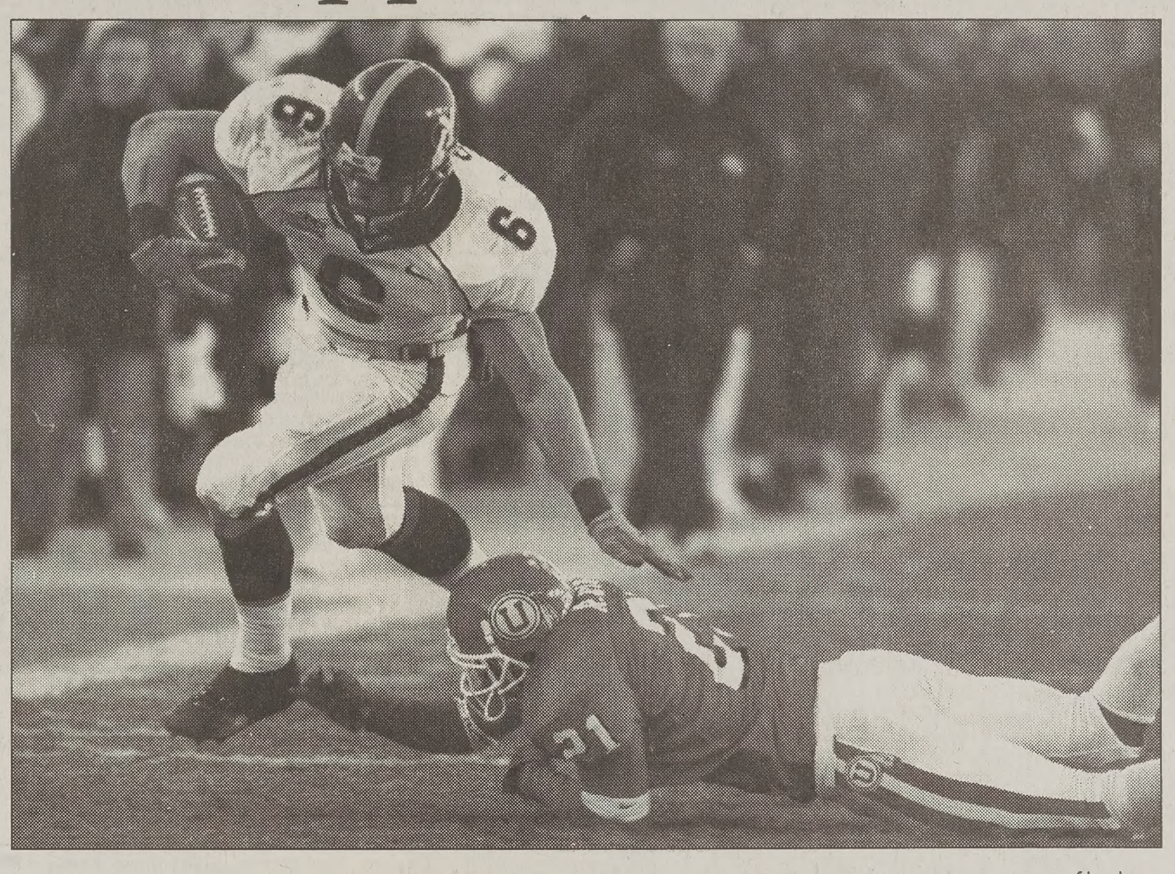
"This game will give our team an early test and will give our fans an additional game as we open the college football season," Crowton said.

The game will be televised on ESPN2. Students can take advantage of a special season-ticket-holder discount until July 18.

The 2000 BCA Classic featuring Georgia Tech and Virginia Tech was cancelled due to a lightning storm. The two teams decided not to play the game later in the season.

The BCA was formed in 1987 to resolve employment inequalities concerning minorities in sports. Crowton endorses the BCA and is excited to participate in this year's Classic.

"I support the fundamental goals of the BCA and believe this game will provide a valuable opportunity to the BCA, as well as our program," he said.



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Cougar running back Luke Staley avoids a Ute tackler in last year's season finale. Staley and the Cougars said they hope to defeat the Green Wave in a proposed preseason game.

Proposed 2001 Football Season

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Sept. 1	Nevada
Sept. 8	at California
Sept. 15	at Mississippi State
Sept. 22	open
Sept. 29	at UNLV
Oct. 5	Utah State
Oct. 13	at New Mexico
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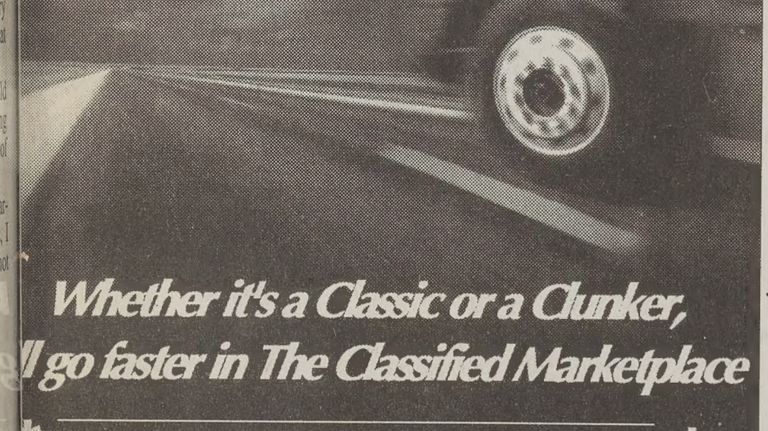

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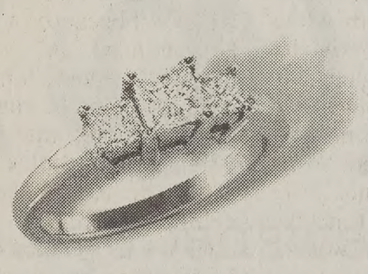

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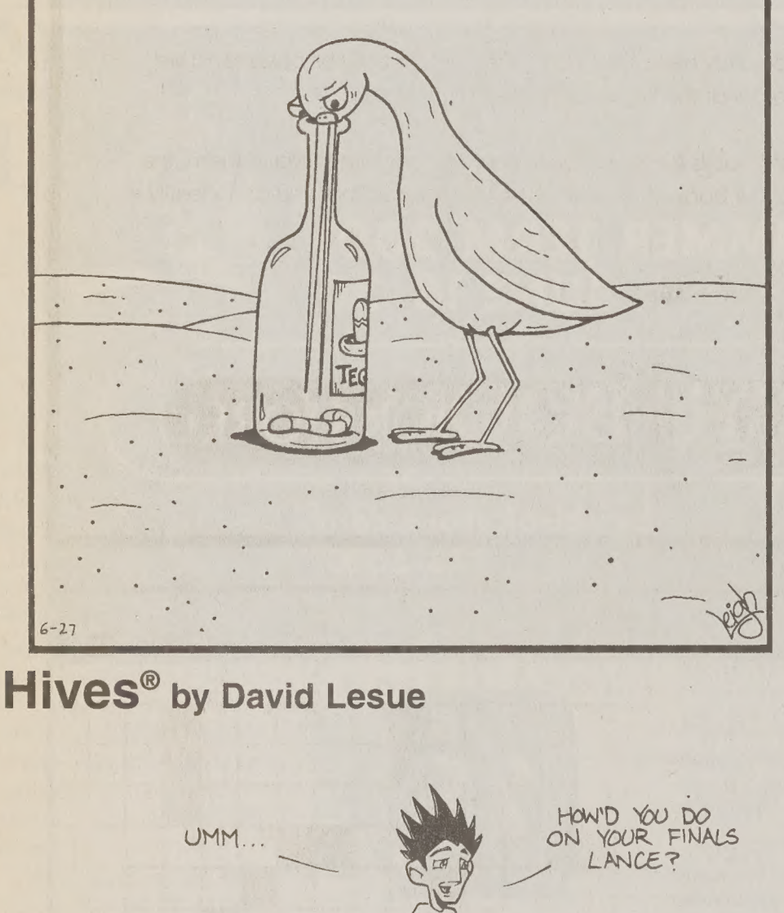

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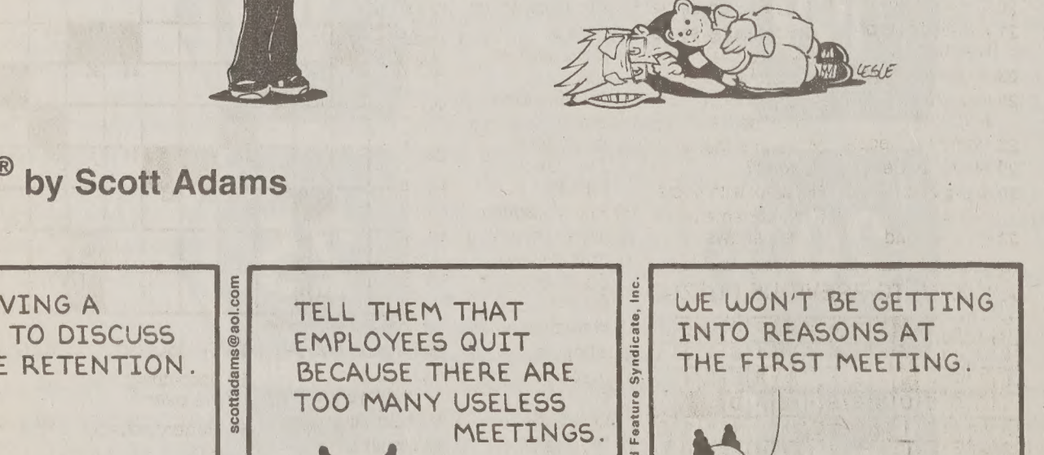

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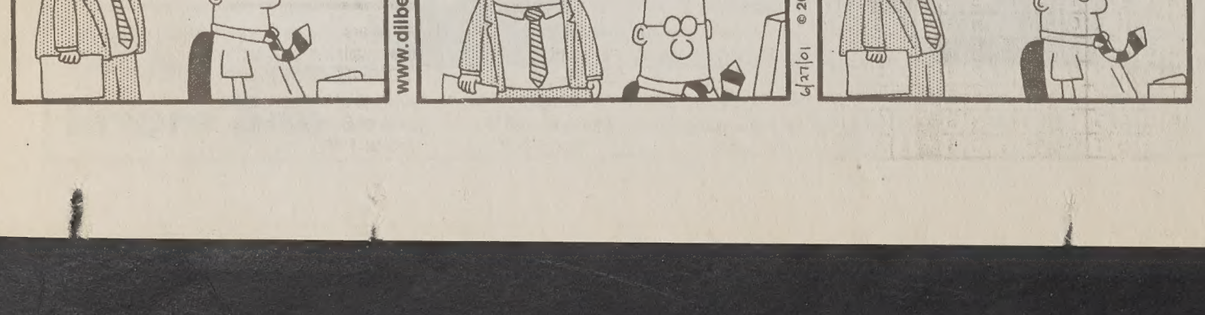
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Mexican president says U.S. troubles delaying economic boom

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XICO CITY — President nte Fox said Tuesday that the slowdown is delaying the omic boom he promised co, and he vowed to make ountry a world leader – coop- ng closely with his good d George W. Bush.

an interview with executives directors of The Associated , Fox said he engages in a ", back–and–forth exchange the U.S. president.

e talk on the phone. He says, it's your turn, now move.' move. And I say, 'Now you to.' So we're really working partners," Fox said, speaking nglish.

e are playing the role of a bridge to Latin America," id, adding that the two presi- have worked together on s regarding Venezuela, Colombia and Cuba.

Bush took office only seven weeks after Fox, and shares his taste for cowboy boots and life on the ranch. But Fox said the two still have many differences – he called the U.S. embargo on Cuba "nonsense" – and said Mexico would seek a more forceful, independent foreign policy. It is already campaigning for a seat on the U.N. Security Council.

"We want to move Mexico from being a country that hides away to a country that participates in global affairs, to be one of those 10 or 15 nations that conducts the world," he said. "We want to be in that sphere."

Fox said he has strengthened the Mexican economy, and boasted that interest rates under his administration have fallen from 18 percent to 8 percent, forcing banks to begin lending money again to make a profit.

But Fox said the U.S. economic slowdown is holding Mexico back – he has revised his growth estimates for this year from 4.5 percent to 2.5 percent – and jokingly appealed for intervention from Mexico's patron saint.

"We need to go to the Basilica and pray to the Virgin of Guadalupe so the United States comes back," he said. "Because we have everything to move, except that markets are extremely slow."

Fox described a scandal over $443 towels and $1,060 sheets purchased for the presidential residence as an example of his government's openness. He said previous governments would never have disclosed such expenditures.

Fox's comptroller, Francisco Barrios, announced later Tuesday the resignations of three officials from the president's purchasing committee, including its president Carlos Rojas, at one time one of Fox's top advisers.

Fox, while he didn't mention any names, said the investigation implicated "some people very close to me, dear friends. They have problems."

Fox took office on Dec. 1 as the first opposition president after 71 years of single-party rule. He said his administration would soon ask congress to create a citizens' "truth commission" to investigate past political misdeeds.

But he advocated a limited role for the commission, saying it must have a clear time frame and a carefully defined scope.

"I think people in Mexico are much more (eager) to have income, to have something to eat, to have their kids in school, to have a health system," he said. "And if we keep confronting ourselves that will never happen."

Many Mexicans have demanded the opening of secret archives about a 1968 massacre of students, the army's "disappearance" of leftists in the 1970s and other shadowy episodes in Mexico's past.

"We need to look to the future and forget about the past, forgive the past," Fox said.

He promoted his long–term goal of improving Mexico's economy enough so that the United States could open its borders to its southern neighbor within 20 years.

He suggested the United States could aid Mexico, much as wealthier European countries helped diminish the gap between their economies and those of Spain, Portugal and Greece before they joined together in the European Union.

Plan to protect Zion Park

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LT LAKE CITY — Zion onal Park should grow by ut 1,000 acres and make ource conservation a priority, ording to a new management approved by the National Service.

e 20-year master plan is the for Zion since 1977, when park, which was designed to dle about a million people a , had 1.4 million visitors. The now gets an estimated 2.5 ion visitors each year.

e new plan is "intended to safeguard the future integrity and diversity of park resources and provide for a range of quality visitor experiences within that context," according to the environmental impact statement prepared on it.

It emphasizes managing resources rather than adding new facilities for visitors, although it does mention a possible expansion of the Kolob Canyons visitor center.

Two other proposals considered by the Park Service focused on either greatly expanding visitor services – building more picnic areas, trails and visitor centers – or reducing them by removing trailheads and parking areas and turning the Zion Canyon Lodge into a research facility.

All three alternatives, however, called for expanding the park boundary to include about 950 acres of Bureau of Land Management land. That change will require Congressional approval.

Under the new management plan, about 90 percent of the 148,000–acre park would remain isolated backcountry. In that area, hiking groups would be

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se foot shut in the hatch of an SUV today might have surprised those who saw it.

House passes aid legislation

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SHINGTON — The House d legislation Tuesday pro- g $5.5 billion in aid to farm- uffering under a continuing in commodity prices, but orters said it isn't enough.

doubling of this amount easily be utilized," said Charles Stenholm of Texas, g Democrat on the House ulture Committee. "This is e can afford at the moment."

House sent the measure to enate on a voice vote, with akers hoping to get a final ge to the White House e the August congressional s.

aid, in the form of supple- al payments made under an g "market transition" pro- is to be distributed to farm- fore Sept. 30.

> **"A doubling of this amount could easily be utilized. This is all we can afford at the moment."**
>
> — Rep. Charles Stenholm of Texas

· The bill provides $4.6 billion in payments to grain and cotton farmers and another $900 million to growers of other crops, such as soybeans, peanuts, fruits and vegetables and tobacco. The legislation will mark the fourth straight year Congress has passed multi-billion-dollar bailouts for America's farmers, which began in 1998 when sluggish exports and big crops triggered sharply falling prices.

The House Agriculture Committee chairman, Rep. Larry Combest, R-Texas, and other lawmakers had sought at least $1 billion more, but their effort failed amid resistance from the Bush administration. Combest said he would continue to push for more aid as the bill works its way toward final passage in July.

"We have hopes that additional dollars will be placed in this legislation," said Rep. Jerry Moran, R-Kan.

The budget adopted by Congress set a ceiling of $5.5 billion in farm aid for this crop year and senior Bush administration officials said they would recommend a veto if a higher amount is passed.

LOC bid leaders committed o crime, their lawyers insist

ated Press

T LAKE CITY — Olympic aders Tom Welch and Dave on committed no crime by g out $1 million in cash and to IOC members, their rs insisted Tuesday.

s not a crime in Utah to treat members as they were treat- the Salt Lake City Bid mittee for the Winter pic Games," the lawyers d a court memorandum.

defense redoubled its to get charges dismissed t Welch and Johnson, who e to go on trial July 16.

r lawyers filed an objection senior U.S. District Court David Sam to a magis- decision to uphold racket- charges against Welch and Johnson.

At issue is whether Welch and Johnson violated Utah's rarely invoked commercial bribery law, which anchors federal charges of conspiracy, racketeering and fraud.

The defendants maintain that International Olympic Committee members owe no financial obligation to their organization, so the bid leaders could offer anything to them without violating Utah's anti-bribery law.

IOC members "have no power to bind the organization as a whole. They simply vote on which city should get the games," wrote lawyers Bill Taylor, Michael Goldsmith and Max Wheeler in the memorandum.

They likened IOC members to the Board of Governors of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts, which makes the Oscar awards.

The industry representatives who decide the awards owe no obligation to the academy, the argument goes, so anyone can bribe them without violating the Utah law.

Besides, the U.S. Justice Department has made no effort to distinguish bribes from "gifts conferred out of courtesy, personal affection or good will," the defense brief argues.

It says the federal grand jury that indicted Welch and Johnson never considered IOC members' responsibilities, or whether the IOC consented to bid cities' gift-giving by failing to crack down on it.

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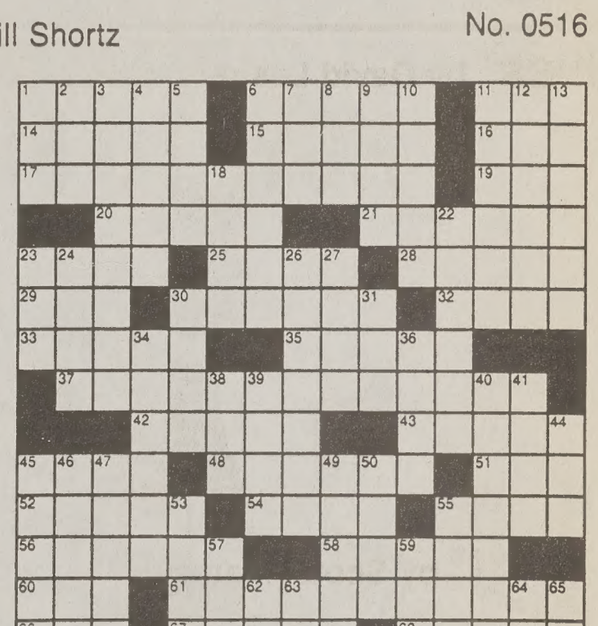

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Bush pushes to restart peace talks

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush is urging Israel to take the next step toward restarting Middle East peace negotiations with the Palestinians despite tough conditions Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has laid out for resuming the talks.

Violence continued to flare up in the Middle East as the two leaders met Tuesday, jeopardizing a shaky cease-fire agreement.

Ahead of the meeting, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said Bush is focused on the suggestions of an international commission headed by former Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell: Begin with a cease-fire and a cooling-off period before taking confidence-building steps and returning to negotiations.

"The president is pleased with the restraint that Israel has shown in the face of recent events," Fleischer said. "He's going to urge continued restraint."

An administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Bush planned to urge Sharon to acknowledge that the process has moved to the cooling-off period despite sporadic incidents of violence. The hope is that both sides could begin informal talks that eventually would lead to more concrete action, the official said.

The plea runs counter to the Israeli position, outlined Monday by Sharon. Speaking in New York, Sharon demanded a cessation of violence by the Palestinians before proceeding with a U.S.-backed plan for restarting peace negotiations. During a reception for Jewish leaders, he said he would tell Bush, "We cannot change it, and you have to know we will not change" the demand for an end to all violence.

In Egypt, President Hosni Mubarak cautioned that a "worldwide theater of terrorism" will unfold if the Bush administration doesn't do more to bring peace to the Middle East.

Fleischer said Bush would caution all parties against "actions on the ground and actions rhetorically" that serve to inflame tensions. Beyond that, he said, "the role of the United States, again, will be that of a facilitator."

Sharon's visit to the White House is his second in three months. The meeting reflects stepped-up U.S. involvement in the Mideast conflict, after an initial period when the Bush administration tried to limit the U.S. role.

Secretary of State Colin Powell has talked of seeking a 100 percent effort from Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to stop nine months of violence, but Sharon said he would not become involved in a debate over how much violence is acceptable.

Later, at a banquet hosted by the American-Israel Friendship League, Sharon said, "It is not enough that Arafat lower the flames of violence temporarily. He must put out the flames of violence permanently."

One of the confidence-building measures is a halt to construction in Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Sharon opposes the construction halt, though he has accepted the Mitchell proposal, and some analysts say he wants to draw out the earlier phases as much as possible to postpone a confrontation over the settlements.

Sharon's second invitation to the White House, while Arafat has yet to see Bush, is seen as U.S. support for the Israeli position in general.

Powell leaves for the Mideast hours after Sharon meets Bush. Powell has said that his goal is to shore up the shaky cease-fire negotiated two weeks ago by CIA Director George Tenet.

The Palestinians charged that Israel violated terms of the Tenet plan by killing a Palestinian militant on Sunday. Osama Jawabri, 28, a leader of Arafat's Fatah group in the West Bank city of Nablus, died when a public telephone he was using exploded. Israel had no official comment about the killing.

The Tenet plan rules out Israeli operations aimed at killing Palestinian militants. However, Israel charges that the Palestinians have not carried out another key element of the plan, arresting militants planning attacks against Israel.

A senior Israeli official said Israel handed the Palestinians a list of several dozen militants, including Jawabri, on Friday and demanded that they be arrested within 24 hours. The official, requesting anonymity, said that since none was arrested, Israel would implement its right of self-defense, a phrase thought to mean resumption of targeted killing of militants.

At the banquet, Sharon complained that there is no cease-fire. He told about 500 business leaders that on Monday alone, there were at least 15 terror attacks, and 10 Israelis were wounded.

Sweepstakes company settles with 26 states

Associated Press

> "This fact will in fact revolutionize the sweepstakes industry."
> — Jennifer Grahholm, attorney general

Publishers Clearing House agreed to pay $34 million in a deal with 26 states Tuesday to settle allegations the sweepstakes company employed deceptive marketing practices.

As part of the settlement, the company will no longer use phrases like "guaranteed winner."

"This will in fact revolutionize the sweepstakes industry," Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm said.

Publishers Clearing House will have to pay $34 million in customer refunds, legal expenses and administrative costs to the states. Each state's share has yet to be determined.

"We listened to the states' concerns and have agreed to responsive and significant changes that will make our promotions the clearest, most reliable and trustworthy in the industry," said Robin Smith, chairman & CEO of the Port Washington, N.Y.-based company.

In the lawsuits, state attorneys general had accused Publishers Clearing House of deceptive marketing for its sweepstakes promotions. The suit alleged that the company was misleading consumers by making them believe they had won prizes or would win if they bought magazines from Publishers Clearing House.

Publishers Clearing House reached an $18 million settlement last August with 24 other states and the District of Columbia, though other states opted not to join.

The states involved in the latest settlement are: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

In 1999, another sweepstakes company, American Family Enterprises, settled a group of lawsuits for $33 million. That company is known for the American Family Publishers sweepstakes plugged by Dick Clark and Ed McMahon.

Philippine rebel group kills American

Associated Press

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — The leader of a Philippine rebel group responded to an emotional appeal by the sister of one of the group's hostages with this hopeless message: Your brother is dead.

Speaking on Radio Mindanao Network on Monday, Ana Sobero made a public plea to the Abu Sayyaf to let her brother, Guillermo, speak to his family and relieve their suffering. The Abu Sayyaf, which is holding scores of hostages uses the station to make statements.

"Guillermo, we hope that you can hear us," she said, reading a letter from their mother.

She then addressed the rebels: "We understand that your people have suffered much. We do not understand the politics of your situation. We want to call on your higher spirit and your belief in Allah. Please have mercy. Please relieve our suffering and let him speak to Radio Mindanao."

The station reported Tuesday that it had received a call soon afterward from Abu Sayyaf spokesman Abu Sabaya which it did not air. In the call, Sabaya said he could not grant the request because Sobero is dead.

The Abu Sayyaf claimed two weeks ago to have beheaded 40-year-old Guillermo Sobero, of Corona, Calif., in the jungles of the southern island province of Basilan. His body has not been found, leading to faint hopes that the rebels might have been bluffing.

Speaking by satellite telephone to The Associated Press from Basilan, Sabaya on Monday threatened to execute more hostages, including another American, Martin Burnham, if the government does not allow Sabaya's choice of negotiators.

Burnham is being held with wife Gracia. The Christian missionaries are longtime residents of the Philippines.

Sabaya demanded former Malaysian senator Sairin Karno, Malaysian merchant Yusof Hamdan and Filipino official Farrouk Hussein, who were involved in mediating the end to another Abu Sayyaf hostage crisis last year, reportedly for millions of dollars in ransoms.

The Abu Sayyaf, which has about 400 members in Basilan, claims it is fighting for Islamic independence in the southern region of Mindanao. President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo dismisses them as simply criminals.

Military spokesman Brig. Gen. Edilberto Adan said a massive military campaign to rescue the hostages and wipe out the guerrillas was under way but was being complicated by two other rebel groups who are aiding the Abu Sayyaf.

Army Scout Rangers clashed with a group of Abu Sayyaf guerrillas Tuesday afternoon in a remote village on Basilan, but there were no immediate reports of casualties, said Lt. Gen. Gregorio Camiling. While there were no sightings of the hostages, he said the fighting raised spirits.

"This is a positive development," said Camiling. "We were looking for them and we made contact."

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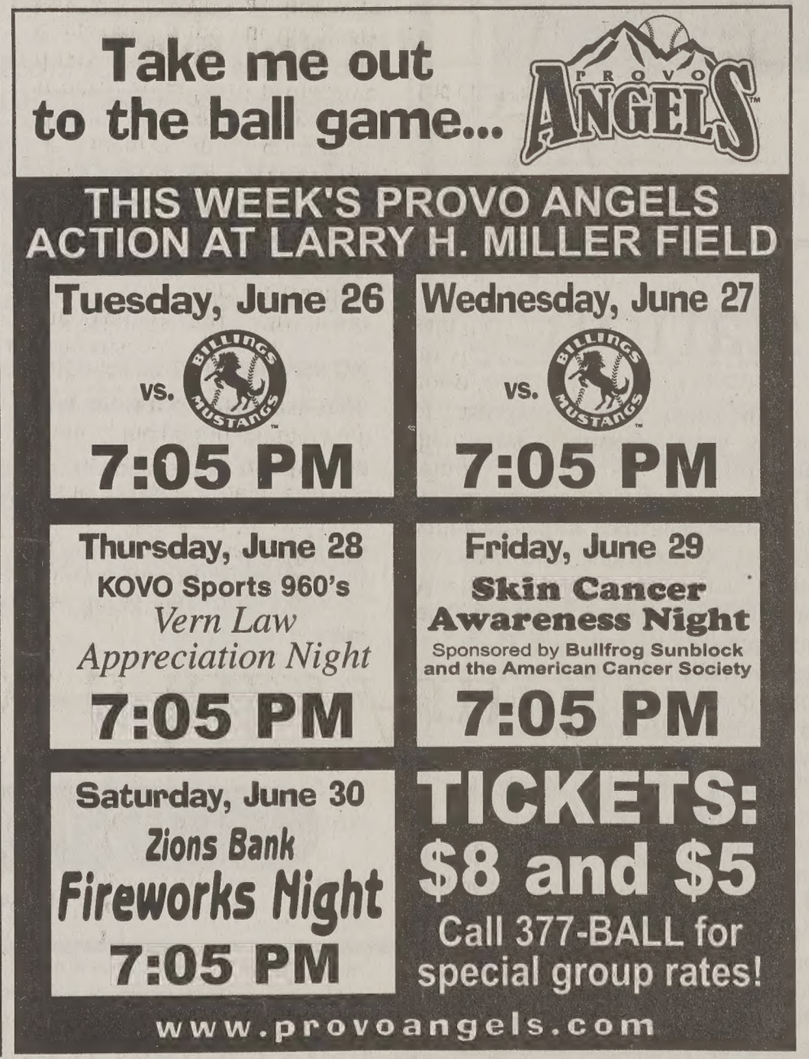

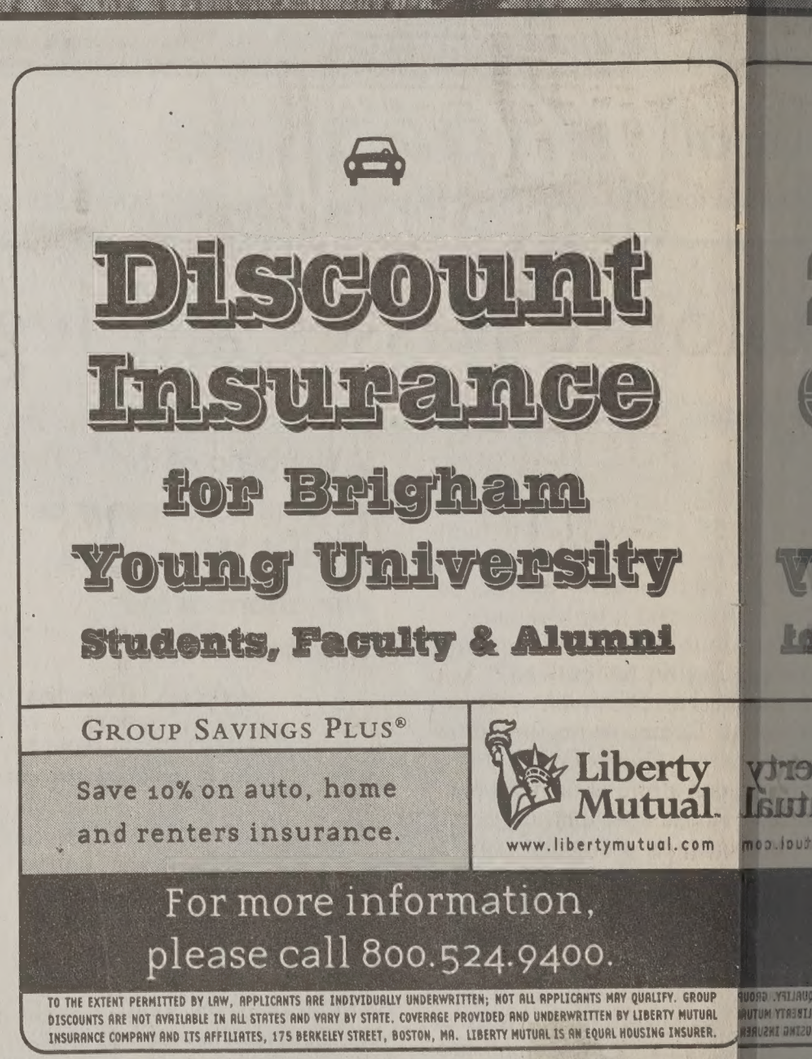
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